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TUCSON POLICE LIEUTENANT INJURED IN COLLISION NORTH ORACLE ROAD AND WEST ORANGE GROVE ROAD

On January 28, 2012 at approximately 3:35 a.m., Tucson Police Lieutenant Lew Bentley was traveling northbound on North Oracle Road through the intersection of West Orange Grove Road when he was involved in a collision after an apparently impaired driver failed to stop for a red light. Lieutenant Bentley was driving a fully marked Ford Crown Victoria police vehicle and was on-duty at the time of the collision. Lieutenant Bentley, with over 25 years of service with the Tucson Police Department and three years of prior service with the South Tucson Police Department, sustained non-life threatening injuries. He was transported to a local trauma center, where he was treated and later released several hours later. He is expected to fully recover.

Officers from the Arizona Department of Public Safety responded to conduct the collision and DUI investigations, as the location of occurrence is within their jurisdiction. Detectives from the Tucson Police Department's Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene to provide investigative support, including GPS mapping of the collision scene. The other driver involved faces several felony charges in connection with the collision.

Inquiries regarding the investigation should be directed to the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

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